

Wildland Fire

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Wildland Fire Fact Sheet

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Leadership

- Bill Kaage, Branch Chief, Wildland Fire / Wildland Fire Director
- Tom Nichols, Chief - Division of Fire and Aviation

Administration

The National Park Service manages 394 park units and more than 84 million acres of land. These park units are located throughout the entire United States and its territories, from Maine to Guam. Of the over 84 million acres of land, 53 million acres have burnable vegetation.

The National Park Service is one of five federal land agencies that manage wildland fire. The others within the Department of the Interior are the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Indian Affairs. The U.S. Forest Service resides within the Department of Agriculture. Like the National Park Service, all of these bureaus have portions of their total acreages that are burnable and must be managed by similar wildland fire support offices.

In times of need, NPS Fire Management resources are shared with Federal, State, Tribal, and non-governmental partners. Resources are listed as Human Resources and Equipment.

Human Resources

National Park Service fire management has 1,228 staff (916 full-time equivalents / FTEs), made up of hand crews, Wildland Fire Modules, engine and helitack crews, as well as support personnel in parks and regional and national offices. The two Type 1 Hotshot Crews, Alpine Interagency Hotshot Crew (IHC) and Arrowhead IHC are based at Rocky Mountain National Park and Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks, respectively. The National Park Service also supports one interagency smokejumper, based at West Yellowstone, Yellowstone National Park.

Wildland Fire Modules mainly support NPS and interagency prescribed fire activities and wildfire incidents. The NPS has 9 modules -

- Buffalo National River (AR) / River (AR)
- Zion National Park (UT)

- Saguaro National Park (AZ)
- Great Smoky Mountains NP (TN)
- Bandelier National Monument (NM)
- Yellowstone National Park (WY)
- Cumberland Gap NHP (KY)
- Whiskeytown NRA (CA)
- Black Hills at Jewel Cave NM (SD)

Equipment

The National Park Service manages an inventory of equipment, strategically located throughout the United States, to assist in fire management activities.

Water Tenders	14
Engines	160
Fire Module Vehicles	18
Crew Carriers	5
Helicopters	16
Airtanker Base (Chattanooga, TN)	1

For More Information

To learn more about the National Park Service Wildland Fire Management Program, visit www.nps.gov/fire.



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NPS Wildland Fire Statistics (as of 09/30/2011)

PREPAREDNESS	FY'09 Completed	FY'10 Completed	FY'11 Completed
Preparedness Expenditures	\$34,374,000*	\$39,652,000**	\$36,093,942**
Facilities Expenditures	\$132,000**	\$1,679,000**	\$1,483**
Ready Reserve Expenditures	\$186,473+	\$155,000+	\$179,000**
Wildfire - Unplanned Ignitions	591***	492***	430***
Wildfire - Unplanned Ignitions Acres	163,008***	165,008***	168,352***
*Source: NFPORS. **Source: Document Direct. ***Source: WFMI. Acres are the sum for which the statistical data owner is NPS. + Source: NPS fund transfer documents and NPS Fire Director approval memorandum. **Amount awarded.			

FUELS TREATMENT	FY'09 Completed	FY'10 Completed	FY'11 Completed
Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Fuels Treatment			
Mechanical Acres	13,504*	15,973*	9,980*
Prescribed Fire Acres	89,041*	87,372*	119,619*
Other Acres	597*	16,269*	6,761*
Total	103,142*	119,614*	136,360*
WUI Fuels Program Total Expenditures / Obligations	\$20,357,000**	\$20,019,000**	\$28,440,077**
Non-Wildland-Urban Interface (Non-WUI) Fuels Treatment			
Mechanical Acres	8,324*	5,083*	2,106*
Prescribed Fire Acres	136,920*	65,901*	50,999*
Other Acres	4,368*	4,871*	3,738*
Total	149,612	75,855*	56,843*
Non-WUI Fuels Program Total Expenditures / Obligations	\$13,167,000**	\$14,344,000**	\$1,541,892**
Fuels Treatment WUI and Non-WUI Total Acres	252,754*	195,469*	193,203*
Fuels Program Total Expenditures	\$33,900,000**	\$34,363,000**	\$29,440,077**
*Source: NFPORS. **Source: Document Direct.			

OTHER	FY'09	FY'10 Completed	FY'11 Completed
Rural Fire Assistance	\$411,000**	\$1,630,000**	\$83,736**
Burned Area Rehabilitation			
Acres	80,093*	71,373*	30,554*
Expenditures / Obligation	\$1,878,000**	\$1,566,528**	\$2,356,842**
Emergency Stabilization			
Acres	263*	4,950*	30,000*
Expenditures / Obligation	\$206,000**	\$416,052**	\$1,310,000**
*Source: NFPORS. **Source: AFS3 and Document Direct.			

DEPARTMENT / BUREAU / AGENCY	DOI / Bureau of Indian Affairs	DOI / National Park Service	DOI / Fish and Wildlife Service	USDA / U.S. Forest Service	DOI - Bureau of Land Management (DOI)
Total Managed Acres	66,000,000*	84,331,948*	96,200,000*	193,000,000*	245,000,000*
*Source: Bureau / Agency Public Affair offices					

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